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#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Salvation Army Flag is now flying in forty-one different countries and the *War Cry*, the organ of the army, has reached an annual circulation of 52,000,000 copies printed in forty different languages.

ALL MINISTERS desiring change of addresses in the coming ANNUAL will please send their names and correct addresses *at once*. Do not delay this matter, as the time in which to make these corrections is very short.

In sending in church news be as brief as possible. Tell us the facts in the case, and tell them in as few words as possible. As a rule the church is not interested in the fact that you left home at such an hour, arrived at the station, reached your destination, ate dinner with so and so—these are not items of news. Tell about your *service*, methods of work, results, etc.

An ANTI-CIGARETTE CLUB has been organized in New York City with a boy only ten years old as its president. The boy has decided that cigarette smoking is a bad habit in which boys should not engage and he is determined to make his influence felt. He is a young reformer, but not *too* young. There is hope for the future *man* when boys of that age organize against the vicious habit.

Encouraging reports are coming in from all over the Brotherhood. It is gratifying to note the additions in our weekly reports. Let there be united effort all along the line everywhere. Let churches unite with their pastors in the *conversion of souls*, for this is the great and important work of the church. For this purpose she is commissioned, equipped and sent out into the world. Do not expect your pastor or evangelist to do all the work. Help him. Carry the Gospel news to your neighbor. We are co-laborers with God.

It has been well said that no amount of singing and prayer, of church-going and profession is sufficient to maintain a Christian character in a man who is not honest in his dealings, or truthful in his relations with men. The moral character is just as essential as a spiritual experience. If his faith does not dominate his life, influence his conduct, and shape his character, it is not saving faith. Faith, if it be the faith of God, is a great power, and exerts a marvelous influence in moulding human character. The faith that does not make a man honest, just, upright, clean and pure, is not the faith of God.

How true, how sweet, how inspiring are the words from the saintly Dr. Cuyler, who has himself richly experienced the protecting power of his Savior:

"One of the sweetest passages in the Bible is this one, 'Underneath are the everlasting arms.' It is not often preached from, because it is felt to be so much richer and more touching than anything we ministers can say about it. But what a vivid idea it gives of the divine support! The first idea of infancy is of resting in arms which maternal love never allows to become weary. Sick-room experience confirms the impression when we have seen a feeble mother or sister lifted from the bed of pain by the stronger ones of the household. In the case of our Heavenly Father, the arms are felt but not seen. The invisible, secret support comes to the soul in its hours of weakness or trouble; for God knoweth our feebleness—he remembers that we are but dust."

The following address was delivered in behalf of the American Branch of the Salvation army, at the reception of General Booth, on Monday night, Oct. 22:

"Beloved General, we greet you with unfeigned pleasure, gratified to report to you that God has brought us through varied seasons of severe trial and difficulty, when our movement was despised by the community, maligned by unbelievers, and persecuted by bitter foes, to its present position of strength and advance. In behalf of the 160 staff officers of the United States, in behalf of the 2,000 commanding officers, the 2,600 local officers, and the 20,000 commissioned troops, we loyally welcome you. Our 2,600 auxil-

iaries and the 16,000,000 persons attending our halls annually throughout the United States hail you with heartfelt joy and satisfaction. We pray that your life may long be spared and that your spirit may be increasingly cheered and strengthened by the successes and advances on those lines which you have in the past so unflinchingly and faithfully maintained."

Many people hunt the markets to find good bargains, and see how to spend their money to the best advantage. How few really hunt around to find a chance to do some good.

The story is told of an ancient king, who won two successive battles, but at a terrible cost of life. As he walked over the battlefield, and saw the slaughter of his brave followers, he said, "One more such victory would ruin us."

#### COURAGE FOR THE RIGHT.

A successful evangelist tells what great results followed from a simple stand for Christ when he was a commercial traveler.

He had made a good sale, and the merchant said, "It is your treat." He knew what that meant. There was a saloon across the street, and he was expected to go across and "set up the drinks" for the whole establishment. "What is the use?" he said to himself. "This is one of the expedencies of the trade. I needn't drink anything. I can order the cigars, or a supper or—" "Yes" something said to him "you can just sell out right here and make a wreck of it all."

"Boys," he said in the new inspiration sent to him from above, "if I should do that I would do the meanest thing in all the world, and if you'll bear with me I'll tell you why. I have just come up from the very gates of death and hell through strong drink, and if I did what you ask, I'd do the meanest thing in all the world both for you and me."

Instantly the cashier leaped down from the desk. "Have you got a pledge? I'll sign it." And the merchant afterward took the commercial traveler aside to say, "I promise you I'll never drink another drop as long as I live."

It pays to be outspoken for Christ. Try it.